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called. he will discover a solubillity that has the quality of subsiding to the bottom, which is layed over to the hot sun for free exhalation. The ballance of Power, being given to heat over the absorbent, the toiling laborer frustrates his own intent and grasping at a shadow will loose the substance.

I think I have gone the full length of a letter; so will conclude with a wish that your valuable time may not be thrown away in the perusal. Be that as it may, I know your goodness will accept the will for the deed.

I had written thus far when my Papers came to hand, wherein I read the friendly councils of a departing Father to his Children. Such a system of Politics I hope will delay the dreaded ills awhile. I see there, too, mention made of your arrival at Mount Vernon, so that I might have ventured to have extended my thoughts on agriculture; counting upon your greater leisure. But I have made an end and be it so —Father!—Friend!—Adieu!—

(To be continued.)

BENJ. R. POLLARD TO ROBERT STANARD.

New Castle, Ky., January, 1823.

Dear Sir

Since the death of my father I find among his papers a Deed from my Grand father Harding to his daughter Sally Harding (who was my mother) for 100 acres of Land lying in the County of Goochland, within as I am informed 20 miles of the City of Richmond, near or adjoining the place that James Underwood Now lives on, which Land, since the death of my father, from the Deed I am of opinion has descended to the Heirs of my mother, A Copy of the deed I herewith annex which you may find recorded in the Clerk's office of Goochland County. Should you after examining the Deed and other facts be of opinion that you can recover the land, I wish a suit instituted in the Federal Court against the occupant for the land and rents since we became intitled to recover rents.

The Heirs of my mother are as follows—to wit Joseph Pollard Jr., Frances Pollard, Thomas Pollard, Priscilla Meriwether,

who intermarried with Valentine Meriwether, Sally Woolfolk who intermarried with Edmund Woolfolk, Robert Pollard, Elizabeth Woolfolk who intermarried with Elliott Woolfolk, Jane Smith who intermarried with Henry Smith, Mary Priscilla Gosly, late M. P. Lane, Enoch L. Lane & Daniel Lane, heirs of Milly Lane, who was Milly Pollard & is since dead and myself, all of whom have consented & released to me except the heirs of my Sister Lane their right & title into &to the 100 acres of land in the Deed mentioned. Should it be necessary to prove that my mother was Sally Harding, it can be done in Goochland & Hanover Counties, by Mr. Miller, the clerk of Goochland I expect, & by Mr. Tho William Pollard of Hanover, also Joseph Pollard of Goochland, and if necessary to prove the heirship a commission will be necessary for me to take deposition in this Country to wit William Meriwether near Louisville, Ky, & Rowland Thomas (New Castle) & Joseph Smith & Philip Johnston, Shelby County, Ky.

If you are of opinion that there is doubt I should dislike to incur costs as I am poor and necessity compels me to bring my suit for the recovery, and if brought must for your service give you a proportion of what is recovered.

The occupant's name is Hughes as I am informed but Mr. James Underwood can inform you who is and the value of the land, am informed it with the improvements are valuable having a first rate Merchant Mill & all necessary dwellings, out houses on it.

Having had a slight acquaintance with you several years past and knowing of the acquaintance existing between you & my brother Joseph has induced me to make my appeal to you.

Should the occupant be inclined to compromise & will give a fair price I have no wish to prosecute the suit, some years past he sent me word that he wished to do so, but as no right of action had then occurred to us I could do nothing in it, my mother died in 1812 & my father in February, 1818, since when I suppose we would be entitled to rents. Thos. Pollard, my father, conveyed the Land to Thomas Harding, & Harding I think to Hughes or

the man now in possession. Whether my mother joined in the conveyance or not is the only question that I am at a loss for, having no evidence of the fact, only report which is that she did not, but that fact is easily ascertained by reference to the deeds in the office of the Clerk of Goochland.

I must now close as I know of no other facts and request you to write me particularly on the subject, after you make the necessary inquiries—and should it be worth investigation you shall be handsomely compensated for your trouble.

Your friend & Hble Sert

BENJAMIN R. POLLARD.

Here follows the deed referd.

Know all men by these presents that I William Harding for and in consideration of the natural love and affection I have and do bear unto my daughter Sally have given and granted enfeofed and confirmed my said Daughter Sally and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten one hundred acres of land lying and being on the North side of James River in the County of Goochland & bounded by the land of Strageman Hutchins, William Whitman and Rene Laforce—also four negroes named Phoeby, Lucy, Punch and Cuffey, to have and to hold the said Land & negroes unto my said daughter Sally & to the heirs of her body Lawfully begotten forever. Witness my hand this XVII day May one thousand Seven hundred & forty Eight.

Wm. HARDING SEAL

Raced interlined & signed
H. Wood. R. Walton
At a Court held for Goochland County * * 17th, 1748
William Harding acknowledged this Deed to be his act
& Deed and it was ordered to be recorded

A Copy teste W. MILLER C. G. C.
Copied from the original
ATT. BEN R. POLLARD.

[Addressed
To Robert Stanard, Esq
Attorney at Law,
Richmond, Virginia]